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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Ramnic Sarat-Tecuci Area and in Bucharest

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1. A soviet tank park along the Ramnic Sarat (R 45/Y 44) - Pocsani (R 45/Y 58) road, a distance of about 15 km out of Ramnic Sarat, on the highway to Pocsani, was 50X1-HUM observed. The tank park was about 500x600 meters and was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence with a wooden watchtower.
- About 100 trucks, including about 20 tank trucks, and 220 to 240 canvas-covered armored vehicles were observed. The armored vehicles, some with long gun barrels, were believed to be tanks and SP guns.
2. Many soviet trucks and soldiers, wearing blue epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, were observed in Tecuci (R 45/Y 79) in October and November 1949.
3. Hardly any soviet soldiers were seen in the streets of Bucharest, though Soviet troops were known to be located in the environs of the city. The city was apparently off limits to these troops.

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No Soviet troops were previously 50X1-HUM stationed in the Ramnicul Sarat-Tecuci area. The reported tank park, observed 50X1-HUM was probably a collecting point 50X1-HUM for old and unserviceable armored vehicles of WW II.

It appears unlikely that a soviet tank unit should have so many tanks in storage. The soviet soldiers observed in the Tecuci area in the Fall of 1949 may have belonged to Soviet Air Force units.

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